REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	28 August 1998
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Pansexual Public Porn aka The Adventures of Hans & Del
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Del LaGrace Volcano
Producer:	Del LaGrace Volcano
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Video Recording VHS/PAL
Country of Origin:	UK
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Pansexual Public Porn aka The Adventures of Hans & Del	Running time:	11.04
Trailers:	Debris (Editing Screen)	Running time:	0.05
	Debris (Editing Screens, etc)		0.05
		Total Running time:	11.14

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display Conditions:

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Nil.

Descriptive Note:

Contains explicit sex scenes.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on 27 August 1998

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video recording *Pansexual Public Porn aka The Adventures of Hans & Del* is classified as:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

The feature is an experimental work in semi-documentary style, which is concerned with the physical and sexual experiences of a marginal social/sexual group. The makers, themselves transsexuals, explore aspects of sexual activity between gay men and female-to-male transsexuals. The work has the political purpose of challenging ideas about gender and sexuality.

The feature's emphasis on the transsexual body extends to the uncompromising presentation of sexual activities, genitalia, and urination. Depictions of sexual activities are explicit and include brief instances of practices such as 'fisting', where a hand is inserted to the wrist in a body orifice, and the pumping of a penis with an enlarger. The apparent intention of the film-makers in depicting urination is to demonstrate the workings of the partially-altered genitalia of a transsexual; urination is not presented in a sexual manner. Therefore, the video recording is not considered to promote or support, or tend to promote or support, the use of urine in association with sexual conduct.

The Classification Office has weighed the competing considerations of the right to freedom of expression contained in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 and the feature's treatment of sexual matters. The restriction of the video recording to an adult audience is regarded as justified in order to minimise the likely injury to the public good arising from the availability of the video recording to children and young persons.

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